Background

Since the introduction of the BSC, underlying operational procedures and processes have evolved to account for new or changed requirements. These changes have not been reflected in BSCP42 so it is compatible and consistent with these operational procedures. Furthermore, BSCP42 lacks clarity as to the incidents that should be raised under this procedure.

Focus areas for the review of BSCP 42

The review of BSCP 42 will be wide ranging but the following areas have been identified as needing some change:

1. Alignment with BSC

Where required, BSCP42 should be aligned with relevant sections of the BSC due to inconsistency in current Procedure.

- Clarify what incidents are covered under BSCP42 and set out specific timescales and processes for each incident and clear instructions of when the actions detailed will be triggered. It is envisioned that this should be limited to:
  i. G.3. Black Starts,
  ii. G.4. Civil Emergencies and Fuel Security, and,
  iii. System Operator Communications Failure as defined in Q.8.
- Clarify what is not covered by BSCP42. That is, specify other incidents not covered by BSCP42 because they are covered by normal operational procedures.
- Timescales should reflect those defined in the BSC.

2. Alignment with existing internal and external procedures

Where required, BSCP42 should be aligned with relevant existing ELEXON and other external procedures.

- Any references to an internal BSCCo procedure or process will be removed from the BSCP where they have no significance to the BSC Community. Where BSCCo and Panel processes are output related, these will be documented. Internal processes will be documented and maintained via internal ELEXON change procedures.
- Look at rationale behind having the Nominated contacts form and process. This may impact BSCP38 if it is decided that the contacts should be authorised and/or will be solely from BSC Parties. It is envisioned, however, that if BSCP42 deals specifically with the three incidents specified that there will not be a need for Nominated contacts forms as these are likely to be specific to Systems Operator, DTI and the Authority. Although, consideration needs to be made as to how these will be handled.
- Alignment where necessary with the Grid Code and other Core Industry Documents.

3. The rationalisation of contact addresses

It is envisaged that all contact points (e.g. telephone numbers), presently detailed in the BSCP, will be removed and transferred to a new publication medium.

- Currently, when contact details need to be amended in the BSCP, a change proposal would need to be raised. By removing all contact details from the BSCP and publishing the details in another media, ELEXON can ensure that industry participants are provided with accurate details.
- The BSC Website could be used to publish this information, though other options would be considered in the review.
- Options for handling out of hours-contact points will need to be considered.

- A generic statement will be required in BSCP42, pointing industry participants to the new publication medium.

4. Business Continuity obligations

Clarify stakeholders' obligations in supporting Business Continuity.

- If the proposed BSCP42 incidents are restricted to the details above, it is envisioned that current mention of Market Organisations' obligations in 5.1 Testing and Maintenance Procedures should be removed.
- It is proposed that any additional BSC obligations presently specified in BSCP42 are removed. This is not intended to change any obligations specified elsewhere.
- BSC Agents obligations are covered contractually and therefore are not required here.

5. Market Categorisation

The need for categorisation of market participants will be reviewed and where appropriate the categories will be changed, rationalised or removed.

- It is envisioned that all market organisations should be treated the same within the BSCP.
- The need for categorisations of market organisation will be reviewed in light of any changes to the scope of BSCP42.

6. Formatting and structure of BSCP42

Formatting and structure of the BSCP needs to be brought in line with existing ELEXON standards.